

Multi-Modal Transportation Task Force

Small Group Exercise

May 18, 2004 Task Force Meeting

Exercise Purpose

The work of the Multi-Modal Transportation Task Force is nearing completion. The Task Force is at the end of a multi-month process in which they have extensively researched and discussed the mobility issues facing Lincoln and Lancaster County. The time has now come to focus on those viable solutions they believe can improve the mobility of all the residents of and visitors to our community.

The purpose of the small group exercise is to pinpoint specific activities and/or actions the Task Force members would like to include in their final recommendations.

These specific activities of actions can be near, mid, or long term in tenure; however, the focus will likely be primarily on near term items the Task Force believes are critical to the ultimate success of their Multi-Modal Transportation Plan. For purposes of this discussion, **“near term” is defined as occurring within the next one to five years.**

For purposes of this exercise, the specific activities or actions are assumed to fall within four broad categories:

- Public Transportation
- Pedestrian/Bicycle System
- Land Use and Development
- Administration/Management

Exercise Format

The Task Force will be initially divided into two smaller working groups. Each group will be lead by a single facilitator. The facilitator for each group will be a member of the Task Force. Their role is to oversee the group’s discussion and to keep the group focused on the task of identifying specific action items.

Each group will be aided by a City staff member. Their function will be to record the group's responses and to answer questions as they may arise.

The small discussion groups should strive to reach a consensus on the various actions they would like to see become part of the final report. Unanimity of opinion is NOT a requirement. There can be differences of opinion and thought; however, there should be an attempt to find common ground among the options the group would like to see brought forward to the full Task Force.

After the groups have had a reasonable period of time to talk through various issues and options, the full Task Force will be reconvened. The conclusions and ideas of each smaller group will be presented to the full body. The entire Task Force will then review the proposed approaches and work toward a consensus position on the various items.

At the conclusion of today's meeting, it would be hoped the Task Force would have tentatively identified a series of action oriented activities they wish to include in their final set of recommendations.

Staff will then use these consensus items to craft a draft final report. It is expected that portions of the draft final report will be made available in advance of the next scheduled Task Force meeting on June 8th. The Task Force will use the June 8th meeting (and other sessions as necessary) to conclude their work.